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The International Student's Guidebook To Life in Boston

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Welcome!

We have compiled this guide as an initial resource for international students arriving in the United States for the first time. We appreciate that the transition into our program can have unique challenges for international students, both in terms of understanding the academic expectations of a US University as well as the day-to-day challenges of acclimating to life in a US city with a variable climate like Boston. We hope this guide will help familiarize you with the basics of settling in. If you have questions, please feel free to get in touch. If we don't know the answer, we will do our best to connect you with someone who does.

- DIH Academic Team

Housing/Neighborhoods

Finding a place to live in Boston can be tricky, and it is best to start with your housing search as soon as possible. As with any urban environment, it is important to balance safety, cost and convenience as you look for a place to call home. Boston is a relatively expensive city, and monthly rent can range from \$550 to over \$1000 monthly depending on a number of factors. It is imperative that you start looking at the different neighborhoods and price ranges as soon as you have decided to attend BU, and keep in mind that the rental market moves quickly. A good place to start your search is with our Office of Housing Resources:

<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/ohr/>. Staff in this office are more than happy to speak with you over the phone or schedule an in-person meeting with you to give you advice on housing options. Also see: <http://www.bu.edu/offcampus/who-are-you/international-student/>.

Neighborhoods

Boston is made up of many smaller neighborhoods, each with unique characteristics and advantages. Students tend to live in Allston, Brighton, Somerville, Jamaica Plain, Brookline, and the South End. For comprehensive descriptions of Boston neighborhoods, see <http://www.bumc.bu.edu/ohr/neighborhoods/>. For more general information, see BU Today's series on visiting neighborhoods in Boston: <http://www.bu.edu/today/nearby-neighborhoods/>. Another useful site: <http://sph.bu.edu/Welcome/boston-and-its-neighborhoods/menu-id-617687.html>. This is the site that our BUSPHAdmissions Department created for new students, and it has lots of information!

Cost

Boston has very few one bedroom and studio style apartments, which tends to drive up the price for these options. If you are willing to live with other people, the price of your rent will likely decrease. If you are trying to find inexpensive housing, a good place to look for housemates is: <http://www.bumc.bu.edu/ohr/roommates/>. Additionally, several students have had success with finding other students to live with through our Facebook group for new students: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/286658368071701/>.

Safety and Crime

Like any large city, there can be safety concerns in some areas of Boston. Before signing a lease, it is a good idea to look up the address provided by the BPD to gauge the safety of the area. If you are uncomfortable with what you discover about an apartment or a neighborhood you are considering, please be cautious and continue your search.

Accessibility

The BU School of Public Health is located at the Medical Campus, which is on the boundary between the Roxbury and South End neighborhoods. Unfortunately, The BU Medical Campus is not directly on a public transportation rail line, officially the MBTA (Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority or the "T", for short). There are many buses with frequent service to

the area. Try using the MBTA website, <http://www.mbta.com/>, or the transit function on google maps (maps.google.com) to find out what kind of bus service is available to the neighborhood you are considering. There is also a free [BU Bus](#) that runs between the BU Charles River Campus and the Medical Campus. If you live near one of the stops, this is a handy choice.

Brokers

Many people find apartments through the help of a broker, who is a real estate agent that helps you find an apartment. Brokers typically charge a fee of one month's rent for their services, though this can vary quite a bit. It can be difficult to distinguish reputable apartment brokers from the disreputable ones before you pick them. Here is a list of apartment brokers compiled from students at the BU medical campus:

<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/ohr/housingsearch/realestateagencies/>. You can also find some information about apartment brokers from Yelp.com.

Alternatively, you can search craigslist.org for no fee or owner listed apartments and sublets. **As with any other situation, never give out personal information to someone you don't know on the internet.** Although it may not happen often, identity theft is a real concern when looking for and applying for rental housing. Please be cautious.

BU actually manages an independent realty office: <http://www.bu.edu/rpm/>. You can get in touch and see what the possibilities are. Check out BU's graduate housing availability through Boston University's Off-Campus Services website <http://www.bu.edu/offcampus/who-are-you/graduate-student/>.

Short-Term Housing

While in the stage of securing an apartment in Boston, there are several temporary living situations we recommend that you consider. These fill up quickly. **If you know that you will not have an apartment on the day of your arrival, make sure to book a hostel!** Late August and early September are a busy time with many students moving to Boston, so make these arrangements as soon as possible.

- Hostelling International Boston
19 Stuart Street
Boston, MA 02116
617-536-9455
Toll Free: 888-464-4872
reserve.boston@hiusa.org
General Manager: Bob Sylvia gm.boston@hiusa.org
<http://bostonhostel.org/>

- The International Guest House (male international students only)
237 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02116
Email: mail@intlguesthouse.com
617-437-1975
<http://www.intlguesthouse.com/Welcome.html>
- At Home in Boston
To request more information or an application, please contact:
Mrs. Joan Cohen, Director
At Home in Boston
15 Cedar Road
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467
Email: athomeinboston@gmail.com
617-277-6444
<http://www.athomeinboston.org/index.php>

Long Term Housing

- An option for long-term stay for **male international students** is The International Fellowship House. The IFH was established over 40 years ago and the cost includes housing and 10 meals each week. The house has a Christian emphasis, but welcomes students from all religious backgrounds. Several international BUSPH students have stayed here over recent years. If you are interested, call as soon as possible to find out about availability for the fall and what the application process entails.

The International Fellowship House
386 Marlborough Street Boston, Massachusetts 02115
617-267-0877
<http://www.ifhboston.org/>

- An option for **female full-time graduate students** at Boston University is BU's Fisk House. Located at 146 Commonwealth Avenue near Dartmouth Street in Boston's Back Bay, Fisk House is a cooperative residence for women graduate students enrolled at Boston University. Administered by the Office of Residential Life and supported and maintained by the Boston University Women's Council, Fisk House provides a residence for 16 students at nominal cost. It is the only subsidized graduate student residence at Boston University.

Fisk House
146 Commonwealth Ave
Boston, MA 02116
617-247-2233
<http://www.bu.edu/buwc/fiskhouse.html>

Communication, Transportation, and Amenities

Communication

A few companies that provide prepaid mobile phone service in the United States are:

- **AT&T**
- **Verizon Wireless**
- **T-mobile**
- **Virgin Mobile**
- **Boost Mobile**

Several of the companies listed offer service with or without a contract. Contracts are usually for 2 years and include costly cancellation fees for early contract termination. If you know you will only be in the US for 3 semesters, it works well to use a prepaid mobile phone while you are here. For a full list of providers, visit this review site: <http://cell-phone-providers-review.toptenreviews.com/prepaid-cell-phones/>.

Places to Purchase Pre-Paid Cell Phones:

- **Best Buy:** <http://www.bestbuy.com/site/Mobile-Cell-Phones/No-Contract-Phones/abcat0801002.c?id=abcat0801002>
- **Radio Shack:** <http://www.radioshack.com/family/index.jsp?categoryId=4314708&s=null>
- **Target:** http://www.target.com/c/phones-no-contract-cell-electronics/-/N-5xte4#?lnk=nav_t_spc_8_inc_2_4
- **Amazon.com**

Another form of communication that has worked for international alumni is Rebtel. It is a voiceover plan, similar to Skype and can be used on smartphones, landlines, featured phones, or PC's. Learn more about it here: <http://www.rebtel.com/>. They offer low rates on text messaging to many countries.

Other options

Banking

As soon as you reach Boston, it is imperative that you set up a bank account where you will be able to access your funds. We recommend you open an account that has both checking and savings. Checking will be for quick access for things like groceries, and savings will be money that you save up for things such as your monthly housing fee.

The bank we recommend for international students is Bank of America. They have friendly and efficient customer service at their Boston University Charles River Campus location, and they will be able to guide you through the necessary steps:

Bank of America

George Sherman Union Branch
771 Commonwealth Avenue Boston, MA 02115
617-424-0187

MBTA T-stop: BU Central on the B-line of the Green Line

Hours:

Monday - Friday 9am-4pm

Saturday Closed

Sunday Closed

All you will need to open a checking and savings account is \$25, your passport, and a BU ID. Customer service will have information on how to wire funds from your home country into this account.

Places to Exchange Currency in Downtown Boston

Copley Place

Address: 100 Huntington Ave, (Level 2, Center Court), Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Phone: 617-266-3300 Fax: 617-266-2300

Hours of operation: Mon-Sat: 10am-8pm, Sun: 12pm-6pm

Website: www.bostoncurrencyexchange.com

Email: copleyplace@ceifx.com

Altour Boston

Address: 170 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110

Phone: 617-439-4400 Fax: 617-439-9744

Hours of operation: Mon-Fri: 8:30am-5:30pm

Website: www.altour.com

Email: info@altour.com

MBTA: Boston's Public Transportation System

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority offers public transportation services including buses, trains and a subway system commonly known as the T. To learn more about the different routes and areas where you can find public transportation, as well as the current prices for MBTA passes, tools for riding the subway, etc., please see this website:

<http://www.mbta.com/index.asp>.

If you know that you will be using MBTA on a frequent basis once you arrive in Boston, you might consider applying for the semester T pass in advance at:

http://www.bu.edu/parking/students/semesterpass_fall/. The deadline for the fall semester is August 3rd, and the semester pass option is slightly discounted over the monthly pass option.

However, there is no need to purchase an MBTA pass before you arrive in Boston particularly if you are unsure how often you will need it. You may purchase your bus and subway card, known as the “Charlie Card” for a \$70 monthly rate at any station in the Boston area. For the varying prices of passes depending on where you will be living and what type of pass you will need, please see this part of the MBTA’s website:

http://www.mbta.com/fares_and_passes/charlie/?id=24360.

If you already know that you will need a pass for your first semester go here

http://www.bu.edu/parking/students/semesterpass_fall/ to sign up for a student semester pass.

Clothing and home goods: Second-Hand Stores

If you are looking for affordable clothing, goods, and home furnishings, you will want to visit the second-hand stores listed below. They sell used items that are in good condition at a low-price.

- ***The Goodwill***

1. Allston/Brighton
965 Commonwealth Avenue
617-254-0112
2. Somerville
230 Elm Street (Davis Square)
617-628-3618
3. Boston
1010 Harrison Avenue
617-541-1270
4. South Boston
470 West Broadway
617-307-6367
5. Cambridge
520 Massachusetts Avenue
(Central Square)
617-868-6330
6. Boston Outlet Store
1010 Harrison Avenue
617-541-1225
7. Jamaica Plain
678 Centre Street
617-522-1415

- ***Urban Renewals***

Allston/Brighton
122 Brighton Ave (Between Linden St & Harvard Ave)
Allston, MA 02134
617-783-8387

ISSO and Visa

Coordinating your Visa information and working with the International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) is a key part of your successful stay in Boston and your completion of a degree at Boston University. For all information regarding your Visa and information from ISSO, please visit Boston University's ISSO website: <http://www.bu.edu/isso/>.

Office Hours:

Monday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Tuesday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Wednesday 12:00PM - 5:00PM

Thursday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Please Note: The ISSO office is closed every Wednesday morning until 12:00PM and also closed on all Boston University Holiday & Intersession Days (days between Christmas and New Years).

Location/Mailing Address:

888 Commonwealth Avenue, 2nd Floor

Boston, MA 02215

617-353-3565

isso@bu.edu

BUSPH has its own specific ISSO contact, Henry Rotchford, to work with SPH students and help them through any problems they may be having. He is a wonderful resource and can be reached at hgr@bu.edu.

Another great resource for international students at BUSPH is our Associate Director of Admissions Operations **Le Phan Quan**.

Location:

Office of Admissions Room T203C

715 Albany Street

The Talbot Building, T2C

Boston, MA 02118

617-638-4640

lquan@bu.edu

*You must attend Orientation before courses start. You will receive information about Orientation with its specific dates, times, and topics that will be covered. You must attend the section that is just for international students. ISSO will be there to give out important information.

BUSPH Work and Internships

At BUSPH, we strive to prepare students for the post-graduate workforce. Besides skills-based courses and experienced faculty, our school has many resources for you to prepare for the next step in your career. Depending on the status of your visa, there may be certain restrictions on the type of job and number of hours you are able to work in the United States as an international student. Meet with ISSO in order to find out what regulations apply to you before starting your job search.

Opportunities may develop to undertake administrative tasks at the School, or to provide research support or teaching assistance to one of your professors. Listed below are some websites where you will be able to find options for student employment:

- BUSPH Career Services website:
<http://sph.bu.edu/Career-Office/careers/menu-id-174.html>
You can upload your revised resume to this website for potential employers to access.
- BU Student Link
http://www.bu.edu/link/bin/uiscgi_studentlink.pl/uismpl/?ModuleName=menu.pl&NewMenu=Home
- The International Health Department Blast
<http://www.bu.edu/ihblast/>
- The BUSPH Practice Office:
<http://sph.bu.edu/Practice-Office/search-fo-a-practicum/menu-id-50201.html>

You may also find more information on rules governing international student employees at:

The Student Employment Office

<http://www.bu.edu/seo/>

The International Students and Scholars Office

<http://www.bu.edu/isso/>

Fellowships and Scholarships

The BU African Studies Center offers limited scholarships to students:

<http://www.bu.edu/africa/forstudents/graduate/>.

The Santander Universities Scholars Program offers scholarships to students who are doing an international practicum: <http://www.bu.edu/ihblast/ih-practicum/santander/>.

The BU Pardee Center for the Study of Longer - Range Future also offers summer research fellowships: <http://www.bu.edu/pardee/>.

Career Services

<http://sph.bu.edu/Career-Office/careers/menu-id-174.html>

Please email them at sphcareeroffice@bu.edu and let them know how they can help you (i.e. general career advising, resume/cover letter review, interview prep, etc.). Career Services is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30AM to 6:00PM and Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM. They are also happy to accommodate appointments "off hours" upon request.

BUSPH Career Center

Talbot Building (First Floor) 113 East
715 Albany Street
Boston, MA 02118

Hours

The office is open Monday-Thursday, from 8:30AM to 6:00PM and Fridays from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

Staff

Lisa Toby
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Director, Advising and Career Development
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Lauri Rich
Director, Outreach and Career Development
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Phone: 617-414-1405
Email: lrich@bu.edu

Career P.R.E.P.

*For BUSPH students who want to learn powerful skills to more effectively market themselves during your job search, both now and in the future. Career P.R.E.P is delivered in a "cohort" model. Students must have completed their first semester to qualify...but is highly recommended for all international students once they have done so. Attendance and

assignments required for all sessions. All sessions held from 5-5:50pm in R103 unless otherwise noted. To register for the fall semester: <http://sph.bu.edu/Career-Office/career-prep/menu-id-617796.html>. ***Registration deadline for the fall 2013 semester is August 28, 2013.**

BUSPH Academic Honesty

Boston University has a very strong policy on academic integrity. This not only bans cheating on exams, but requires full referencing of any ideas or materials taken from another source. Violation of the rules can result in suspension or other penalties. Many foreign students are not familiar with American practice on quotation and referencing. **If you have any questions about what is allowed, consult a professor or instructor of one of your courses.** You will find information on the policy at these sites:

Boston University's Academic Conduct Code

<http://www.bu.edu/academics/resources/academic-conduct-code/>

Standards of Academic Honesty and Disciplinary Procedures at BUSPH

<http://www.bu.edu/academics/sph/policies/standards-of-academic-honesty-and-disciplinary-procedures/>

Each semester, you will find the below text in each of your syllabi. This is the general outline of what Boston University expects of you as a student in terms of academic honesty:

Academic honesty is essential for students to attain the competencies the University and School expect of graduates, and any action by a student that subverts these goals seriously undermines the integrity of the educational programs at the School. Students at the Boston University School of Public Health are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic honesty.

Academic misconduct is any intentional act or omission by a student which misrepresents his or her academic achievements, or attempts to misrepresent these achievements. While not an exhaustive list, the following acts constitute academic misconduct:

- Cheating on examinations. The use or attempted use of any unauthorized books, notes or other materials in order to enhance the student's performance in the examination, copying or attempting to copy from another student's examination, permitting another student to copy from an examination or otherwise assisting another student during an examination, or any other violation of the examination's stated or commonly understood ground rules.
- Plagiarism: Any representation of the work of another as his or her own constitutes plagiarism. This includes copying or substantially restating the work of another person without the use of quotation marks or other indication that the words of another have been copied, the

use of any written or oral work from which the student has obtained ideas or data without citing the source, or collaborating with another person in an academic endeavor without acknowledging that person's contribution.

- Submitting the same work in more than one course without the consent of all the instructors
- Misrepresentation or falsification of data
- Allowing another student to represent your work as his or her own
- Violating the rules of an examination or assignment

Charges of academic misconduct will be brought to the attention of the Associate Dean for Education, who will review all such cases and decide upon the appropriate action. A student who is found guilty of academic misconduct may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the School.

Please remember: if you have any questions about academic honesty and plagiarism at this school, contact your professor or advisor.

Physical and Mental Health

Health insurance

All BU students must carry health insurance meeting minimum standards. If you have insurance, use the site below to determine if it qualifies

Comparable coverage: <http://www.bu.edu/studentaccountingservices/resources/medical-insurance/comparable-coverage/>

If you need insurance, you can learn about the Boston University student health plan at: https://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/stu_conn/student_connection.aspx?groupID=711110

Resources

In addition to the services available through your insurance plan, Boston University runs a health clinic and a behavioral health program. If you are becoming depressed and/or anxious, do not hesitate to seek out this resource.

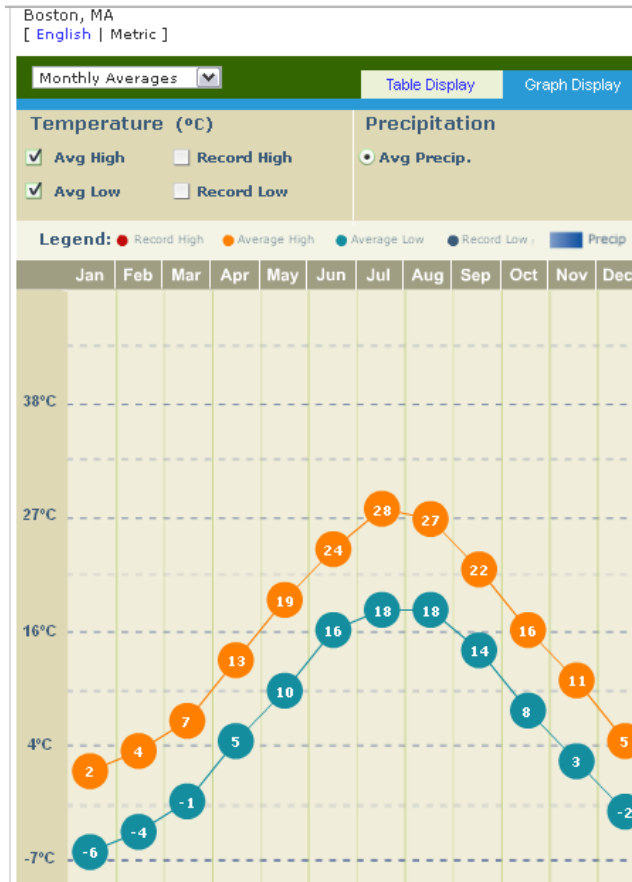
Behavioral Medicine at CRC: <http://www.bu.edu/shs/behavioral/>

Wellness and Prevention Services: <http://www.bu.edu/shs/wellness/>

Weather

Before arriving in Boston, it's important to know a little about our weather and climate. Winters are a surprise to many international students from warmer climates, and you will need warm clothing to get through our snowy season! Summer is generally hot with mild evening temperatures, and both fall and spring see their fair share of thunderstorms. A warm coat and a pair of rubber boots will be very helpful in cold and wet weather.

Massachusetts is known for its four distinct seasons. Below are the average Boston temperatures expressed in Celsius:



(www.weather.com)

In the United States, temperature is normally expressed in Fahrenheit. To convert temperatures to Celsius, use this website for conversions: <http://www.wbuf.noaa.gov/tempfc.htm>. You can use one of the following websites to look up weather forecasts when you will be living in Boston:

www.weather.com

www.noaa.gov

www.boston.com/weather/

Food

Grocery Stores:

NEAR THE MEDICAL CAMPUS

1. Foodie's Urban Market
1421 Washington St (Between Dedham St & Monsignor Reynolds Way)
Boston, MA 02118
617- 266-9911
2. Shaw's at the Prudential Center
53 Huntington Ave
Boston, MA 02199
617-262-4688
3. Tropical Foods
2101 Washington St, Boston, MA 02119
Tropical Foods offers product from the Caribbean, Central and South America, and Africa, open 7 days a week. Mon-Sat 7:30am-8pm; Sun 8am-6pm

NEAR THE CHARLES RIVER CAMPUS

1. Shaw's in Allston
1065 Commonwealth Ave
Boston, MA 02215
617-783-5878
2. Johnnies Fresh Market
1028 Beacon Street
Brookline, MA 02445
617-660-1366
3. Trader Joes #501
1317 Beacon St
Brookline, MA 02445
617-278-9997

Social Life/Culture

Weekend Activities

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

This is beautiful library with very old architectural details and several statues. They have tours on the weekends and a nice café and gift shop, plus a beautiful European courtyard. Enter in the front, by the statues of the two women. You can also find magazines and newspapers from around the world available for anyone to read in the newspaper room. Ask a librarian to direct you.

The Boston Public Library offers free passes to several museums in the Boston area. All that is needed is that you have a current library card in order to reserve a pass. You can get discounted or free admission to places such as the **Institute for Contemporary Art, the Museum of Fine Art, the New England Aquarium, the Harvard Museum of Natural History, and Zoo New England.** Passes are limited, and you must select a branch location to pick your pass up in advance. For more information or to reserve a museum pass, visit: http://www.bpl.org/general/circulation/museum_passes.php.

THE FREEDOM TRAIL

The Freedom Trail (<http://www.thefreedomtrail.org/index.html>) is a walking trail that leads you to 16 nationally significant historic sites, every one of them an authentic American treasure. Preserved and dedicated by the citizens of Boston in 1958, the Freedom Trail today is a unique collection of museums, churches, meeting houses, burying grounds, parks, a ship, and historic markers that tell the story of the American Revolution and the early years associated with the Republic. The trail is marked by a red line on the road. You can walk the trail for free.

If you would like more information about the places and events visited on the trail, you might want to try one of the special tours led by members of the Freedom Trail Foundation. There is a cost associated with these tours. <http://www.thefreedomtrail.org/tickets/tours.html>.

FANEUIL HALL

Faneuil Hall Marketplace is actually four great places in one location — Faneuil Hall, Quincy Market, North Market and South Market, all set around a cobblestone promenade where jugglers, magicians and musicians entertain the passers-by. So by all means, stroll, shop, eat, laugh, wander, wonder and explore it all. There are frequent tours of Faneuil Hall on the weekends. Quincy Market is a good place to buy gifts made in Boston or t-shirts that say “Boston”. <http://www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com/>.

HATCH SHELL

Location: On the Charles River Esplanade, across from Storrow Drive. Many free concerts and performances are held here. See: <http://www.hatchshell.com/events.php> for a listing of events.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM

Street Address: 1 Central Wharf

Operating Hours: Sat-Thurs 9am-5 pm; Friday 9am-9pm

Admission: Adults \$ 22.95, College with ID \$20.95

FREE admission available through Boston Public Library (up to 4 people)

Nearest MBTA Stop: Blue Line, Aquarium Stop

Directions: Take the MBTA's Blue Line subway to Aquarium Station.

MUSEUMS

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

<http://www.gardnermuseum.org/>

Street Address: 280 Fenway

Operating Hours: Tue-Sun 11-5 pm

Admission: Adults \$12, College with ID \$5, Children (under 18) Free with guardian, Seniors \$10 (\$2 discount if visit MFA within 2 day period)

Discounted admission available through Boston Public Library (\$5/person)

Nearest MBTA Stop: Green Line, E Tram, Museum Stop

Directions: From the West Wing main entrance of the Museum of Fine Arts, walk down Museum Road for one block to Fenway [Street]. The Gardner Museum is about 2 blocks north and is visible on the left.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum

<http://www.jfklibrary.org/>

Street Address: Morrissey Boulevard, Dorchester

Operating Hours: Daily 9-5 pm

Admission: Adults \$10, Students \$8

Discount available through Boston Public Library (\$3/person, up to 2 adults)

Nearest MBTA Stop: Red Line, JFK/Umass Station

Directions: At JFK Station, take free shuttle bus to library. Buses run every 20 minutes 8-5pm and are marked "JFK."

Institute of Contemporary Art

<http://www.icaboston.org/>

Street Address: 100 Northern Avenue, Seaport District

Operating Hours: Tue/Wed 10-5 pm, Thu/Fri 10-9 pm, Sat-Sun 10-5 pm

Admission: Adults \$12, Students/Seniors \$10, Children under 17 Free

Discount available through Boston Public Library (\$5/person, up to 2 adults)

Nearest MBTA Stop: Red Line, South Station

Directions: At South Station take the Silver Line to Courthouse stop. Once above ground, walk down Seaport Boulevard toward the World Trade Center (away from the city), turning left onto Northern Avenue at the light. The ICA is on the right side of the street immediately around the corner.

Museum of Science

<http://www.mos.org/>

Street Address: 1 Science Park, Boston, MA 02114

Operating Hours: Sat-Thurs 9am-5 pm; Friday 9am-9pm

Admission: Adults \$22, College with ID \$5, Children (3-11) \$19, Seniors \$20

FREE admission available through Boston Public Library (up to 4 people)

Nearest MBTA Stop: Green Line, E Tram, Science Park

Directions: Take the MBTA's Green Line subway to Science Park station. This will be the Green Line's Lechmere-bound "E" train. The Museum is diagonally across the street (O'Brien Highway), just over the Charles River Dam draw bridge.

Museum of Afro-American History

<http://www.afroammuseum.org/>

Street Address: 46 Joy Street at Smith Court

Operating Hours: Mon-Sat 10-4 pm

Admission: Free (donations welcome)

Nearest MBTA Stop: Green/Red Lines, Park Street

Directions: Walk up Park Street to the State House. Walk around the State House to Joy Street in the rear. The building is a couple of blocks down the hill on the left, enter at Smith Court.

Museum of Fine Arts

<http://www.mfa.org/>

Street Address: 465 Huntington Avenue

Operating Hours: Daily 10-4:45 pm, Wed-Fri 10-9:45 pm (west wing only)

Admission: Adults \$17, Students \$15, Children 7-17 \$6.50 (6 & under Free), Seniors \$15

Discount available through Boston Public Library (\$7/person, up to 2 adults)

Nearest MBTA Stop: Green Line, E Tram, Museum Stop

Directions: Cross Huntington Avenue, the museum is the long stone building and will be marked MFA.

Important Contact Information

*You may also call our main number 617-638-5234 (8:30am-5pm M-F) and your call will be directed to the appropriate person.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CONTACTS		
Contact	Question or Issue	Contact Info.
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Career Services: sph.bu.edu/careers	Lisa Toby, ltoby@bu.edu , 8-4675 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>networking, job fairs</i> Maria McCarthy, mamcc@bu.edu , 8-4602 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Résumé reviews, career workshops</i>
International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO):	General Questions: 617-353-3565, isso@bu.edu . Elizabeth Capuano, SPH International Student Advisor, Mirarchi@bu.edu , 617-353-3565 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>questions about visas, staying in status, international students</i>
Office of Student Services: sph.bu.edu/students	Mary Murphy-Phillips, Director, mcmurph@bu.edu , 638-5059 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Academic accommodations, orientation, & Commencement</i> ▪ <i>Contact in the event of a student mental health emergency</i> Brendan Hoey, Program Coordinator brendan2@bu.edu , 638-5062 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Student organizations, events, & communications</i> ▪ <i>Text books and Readers</i> Chase Crossno, Administrative Assistant, ccrossno@bu.edu , 638-5006 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Parking for guest speakers & AV arrangements</i>
Office of Student Financial Services (OSFS): www.bumc.bu.edu/osfs	osfs-sph@bumc.bu.edu , 8-5130; 8-5115; or 877-776-6243 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Loan options, financing, FAFSA</i>
Practice Office: sph.bu.edu/practice	Scott Harris, Program Director, scotth@bu.edu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Practicum registration and tracking, and information on how to search for a practicum</i>
Registrar's Office: sph.bu.edu/registrar	Chris Paal, Registrar, cpaal@bu.edu , 638-4963 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Registration, course scheduling, curriculum questions</i> ▪ <i>Monitors students in distress or academic difficulty</i> ▪ <i>Very knowledgeable about courses and faculty at BUSPH, exceptionally helpful advising resource.</i> Andrea Tingué, Associate Registrar, amtingue@bu.edu , 638-5057 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Transcripts, graduation applications, concentration change forms</i> ▪ <i>Academic Policies</i> ▪ <i>Advisor Changes</i> Degree students register online at www.bu.edu/studentlink Unofficial transcripts available at www.bu.edu/studentlink ; Official transcripts available at www.bu.edu/reg
Student Health Services Behavioral Medicine bu.edu/shs or bu.edu/mentalhealth 881 Commonwealth Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>For medical emergencies, call 911.</i> ▪ <i>If you encounter a student in distress or in need of mental health assistance, call 617-353-3575 to make a referral to student health services. You may also contact Joe Anzalone, Emily Jump, Mary Murphy-Phillips, or Brendan Hoey for help.</i>
Office of Housing Resources: www.bumc.bu.edu/ohr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Information about housing resources in and around the medical campus</i> ▪ <i>For descriptions of neighborhoods, check: http://sph.bu.edu/Welcome/boston-and-its-neighborhoods/menu-id-617687.html.</i>
Library Resources: paper and online books and journals;	Alumni Medical Library: med-lib.bu.edu L Building, 12 th Floor 617-638-4232

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HELPFUL LINKS:

IH Blast: <http://www.bu.edu/ihblast/>

- IH Student Resources: <http://www.bu.edu/ihblast/ih-advising/>
- New Student Information: <http://www.bu.edu/ihblast/ih-advising/new/>
- Practicum: <http://www.bu.edu/ihblast/ih-practicum/>
- Culminating Experience: <http://www.bu.edu/ihblast/ih-ce/>

Registrar’s Website: sph.bu.edu/registrar

BUSPH Faculty/Staff Directory: sph.bu.edu/directory

BUSPH Events Calendar:

http://sph.bu.edu/index.php?option=com_jevents&categoryid=208§ionid=47&Itemid=616952

SPH Online Bulletin: <http://www.bu.edu/academics/sph/>

International Student Representatives

International students who have survived the Boston winter and thrived at BUSPH have offered to help new international arrivals. If you are interested in speaking with one of our international students or alumni, please contact the Emily Morin, the DIH Program Assistant at emorin@bu.edu and she will connect you.